

ACTS OF PARLIAMENTS ARE MET BY SHARP LEAGUE COMMENT

South African and Canadian
Criticism Aimed at French
and British Leaders.

POLE CONTROL IN DANZIG FAVORED BY COMMISSION

Report Upon International Court
Differs From Root Proposal in
Voluntary Jurisdiction.

By the Associated Press.
GENEVA, December 13.—Military control of Danzig by Poland has been recommended to the council of the league of nations in a report from the military commission.

This recommendation, should it be adopted, would be in line with a request from the Polish government some time ago. It was alleged at that time that military control of the port of Danzig was necessary to insure the transport of military munitions and raw material to Poland.

The council has decided to refer the matter to the international court of justice, along with the suggestion by Viscount Ishi of Japan that military commission study the best means to defend the town, to the high commission, who will be asked to send in a report.

Governments Criticized.
Separate action by the premiers of France and Great Britain on matters of the assembly of the league of nations are being met by sharp comment by the committee on disarmament of new states. Lord Robert Cecil, president of the committee, N. W. Rowell of Canada and the Viscount of Norway agree in criticizing the action of those governments which announced that they would attend the assembly of the league of nations through other channels than the present assembly.

At the meeting here, who are charged with these problems.

Rene Viviani of France, who has been said to be particularly annoyed by the declaration of the British and French leaders to the effect that Armenia should not be admitted to the league, was not present today. Comment on the incident continues to be made by the committee members. The opinion is expressed that if powers desire to continue to attend questions in the old form of diplomatic action they are not ready for the league of nations.

Jurisdiction of Court.
Leon Bourgeois of France has presented a report from the committee on an international court. The plan is to have the court sit in Geneva, and in the fact that jurisdiction of the court is to be voluntary, instead of obligatory.

United States Senator Medill McCormick has been attending this morning's session from the gallery.

He refused an invitation from the British delegation to occupy a seat with the delegates. His presence in the press section appeared to attract little attention, and he followed closely the debate on the international court project.

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Fiscal Week Begins Today.
By Cable to the Associated Press.
GENEVA, Switzerland, December 13.—The fiscal week of the assembly began today. The assembly met in the morning, and the speakers with the exception of the committee chairmen, were limited to ten minutes each. Two of the six general committees are still to report and there is much unfinished business.

The questions to the admission of new states, disarmament, mandates and the international court of justice have been discussed. The delegates do not wish to pass Christmas in Switzerland. The time of the assembly has been occupied principally by delegates passing business and back and forth.

Many were disappointed with this lack of words on the subject which the main issues left undiscussed. The Canadian delegation feels this way. Argentina left because of this, and it is said that the French delegation is none too well pleased with the slow progress made.

Demand for German Action.
By the Associated Press.
BERLIN, December 12.—The inter-allied military commission has repeated its demand for the immediate disarmament and disarming of German defense organizations and requested immediate information as to what measures Germany intends to take with regard to the demand.

Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, in an article written for the German society for a league of nations, says Germany's nations rest in an eventual union with England and America to reform the league as constituted. The writer expresses the belief that understanding for co-operation to this end is probable.

Directed by Irigoyen.
By the Associated Press.
BUEENOS AIRES, December 12.—President Irigoyen personally directed the course of the Argentine delegation at Geneva which resulted in its withdrawal from the assembly of the league of nations, says La Epoca, the government organ, in an editorial praising the attitude of Argentina relative to the league.

It is possible the requests of the Peruvian and Bolivian governments for a revision of the treaty of Ancon and the treaty of 1904 between those nations and Chile, by which Chile came into possession of the districts of Tana and Lircay, may come before the league of nations, says a Geneva dispatch to La Nacion.

Argentina, former president of the French republic, who has consulted the Peruvian and Bolivian ministers in Paris and has presented his report to the league.

VOTE GOLD FOR COLBY.
Montevideo to Use 20,000 Pesos in Entertaining Secretary.

ARMENIAN TASK EXPECTED TO GO TO MORGENTHAU

White House officials intimated today their belief President Wilson had decided to name Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, to act as his personal representative to mediate between the Armenians and the Turkish nationalists.

While the President is known to have settled upon an appointment, no announcement of it has yet been made.

Mr. Morgenthau already has said he would accept the commission if offered to him, explaining at the time that he was "always at the command of President Wilson, and would be happy to serve anywhere, and in any capacity he desired."

Mr. Morgenthau is now in Virginia, where he went ten days ago, following a call at the White House executive offices.

The appointment of a personal representative will be the result of the request of the assembly of the league of nations at Geneva, which that body sent a general invitation to all powers for assistance in rendering aid to stricken Armenia. Although not a member of the league of nations, the United States was included in the invitation.

CONGRESS BEGINS HEARINGS ON TAXES

Lively Committee Debate as
Nation's Revenue Needs
Are Taken Up.

Congress took the initial step toward framing new revenue legislation today, when the ways and means committee opened hearings on tax questions and the nation's revenue needs.

At the outset, the committee was informed of the Treasury's attitude and views by Dr. Thomas S. Adams, tax expert and economist, who declared the first problem for the committee to decide was the determination whether the level of taxes should be retained at \$1,000,000,000 annually. Although he avoided saying so, the Treasury representative seemed to favor a reduction in tax rates.

He himself believed no reduction could or should be considered.

Lively Till Opens Session.
Before Dr. Adams began his testimony a lively tilt ensued between Chairman Fordney and Representative Garner, democrat of Texas, who demanded that a statement be included in the record showing the exact purpose of the hearings.

Mr. Fordney announced that the committee proposed to gather information on the subject of taxation, and to report on the results of its study.

He said he planned to continue the hearings to December 23, and to adjourn on December 25, when tariff questions would be taken up.

Mr. Fordney objected to the plan because, he said, five of the minority members of the committee would be members of the majority party, and it was unfair to place tax questions before the new members, who had had no opportunity to cross-examine witnesses.

He proposed to change Mr. Fordney's program.

Explains Treasury Report.
Dr. Adams in beginning his testimony plunged immediately into an explanation of the Treasury report, taking up first the question of reaching parity with the gold standard, which, he said, have been steadily driven into tax-exempt securities.

His statement brought forth Representative Green, republican, Iowa, who said he saw no solution to the problem except to amend the Constitution to permit taxation of state and local issues of securities.

In the discussion of income taxes Dr. Adams said that the most feasible means of raising more revenue lay in establishing a flat income tax on corporations to replace the existing graduated rates.

He suggested a rate of 16 per cent, which was estimated to yield more than the present law.

Under the present law Mr. Fordney said, there were about 120,000 corporations in the country which had not paid the income tax in the last year. He thought this showed an inequitable distribution of the tax burden.

An Unpleasant Feature.
"But you may as well face the unpleasant feature of that plan, too," Dr. Adams interrupted. "A corporation just established or just getting on its feet has to pay 16 per cent of its profits, while a corporation established before the war pays 10 per cent. It is a pretty heavy drag. Yet it is the simplest method I know of and brings in the most revenue."

Under the plan, he said, where it is necessary to determine your policy regarding a progressive income tax as the principal source of revenue.

The committee, Mr. Fordney said, was not at this time going further than to establish the basis for the revenue questions. Throughout Dr. Adams' testimony he strongly indicated that the Treasury desired for the committee to lead the way and that it hoped only to aid in supplying the committee with such information as it had available. As a reply to these suggestions Mr. Fordney told Dr. Adams that the committee desired to be taken down to the work of drafting a bill it desired to have him assist.

**Only Two Days Left
For Final Payment
Due on Income Tax**
Only two days remain in which the fourth and final installment of income and excess profit taxes for the calendar year of 1919 can be paid, as the law requires that the money be in the hands of the bureau of internal revenue officials at the close of business December 15.

Failure to pay necessitates an addition of 5 per cent to the collection of interest at the rate of one-half of 1 per cent a month.

Interest may be made in person at 1422 Pennsylvania avenue or sent by mail to The Collector of Internal Revenue, Baltimore, Md.

IMMIGRATION BILL, HARDY, PASSED BY HOUSE, 233-41

Measure Is Sent to Senate,
Where Leaders Predict
Its Defeat.

TWO-YEAR PROVISION FAILS BY 181 TO 165

Exemption of Brothers and Sisters
of Citizens Carried by Rising
Vote of 203 to 76.

The Johnson immigration bill, as amended to prohibit all immigration for a period of one year, was passed today by the House.

Now goes to the Senate, where its defeat is predicted by Senate leaders.

The vote was 233 for the bill, 41 against. Six members voted "present."

Last-minute attempts by House leaders to restore to the Johnson bill the clause restricting immigration for two years failed today, the House approving by a vote of 181 to 165 the Mann amendment limiting the barring of aliens to one year.

The Siegel amendment exempting brothers and sisters of citizens was carried by a rising vote of 203 to 76.

On raising the question previously taken the House voted 53 for the one-year restriction and 67 for the two-year restriction originally proposed by the bill. On a roll call, however, the amendment was carried.

Johnson's Statement.
Chairman Johnson of the immigration committee issued a statement following the passage of his bill, which read in part, as follows:

"The 1,250 immigrants who arrived Saturday on the White Star liner Adriatic have been sent to Hoffman Island because of an outbreak of typhus among them."

"At Gloucester, N. J., eleven aliens have been taken from the steamship Hollandia and sent to Hoffman Island because of an outbreak of typhus among them."

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Scandinavian Guarantees.
I desire to call attention to the fact that no aliens are coming from Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, or Iceland. These countries have given guarantees to the United States that they will not admit any more aliens who are not citizens of the United States.

In the meantime, while we are waiting for the United States to take action, the communist party of America has flooded the country with the most vicious circulars it has yet issued. It calls for straight revolution."

Record of Vote.
Those voting against the bill were: Republicans—Britten, Illinois; Burdick, North Dakota; Burton, Ohio; Glynn, Connecticut; Greene, Massachusetts; Hickey, Indiana; Juhl, Illinois; Luce, Massachusetts; MacCrack, New York; Foran, New York; Peters, Maine; Tilton, Connecticut; Tamm, Massachusetts; Vane, Pennsylvania; Wood, Indiana.

Democrats—Bakka, Ohio; Beck, Texas; Cawey, New York; Cleary, New York; Coady, Maryland; Cullen, New York; Donovan, New York; Eagan, New York; Gallivan, Massachusetts; Goldfogle, New York; Johnston, New York; McAndrews, Illinois; McGlen, New York; McManus, New York; Minahan, New Jersey; McKinley, New York; Mooney, Ohio; Pell, New York; Smith, Illinois; Sullivan, Illinois; Sabath, Illinois; Rainey, Illinois; Tague, Massachusetts.

REFINED SUGAR DROPS TO 8-14 CENTS A POUND

NEW YORK, December 13.—New low record prices were established for refined sugar here today.

The Federal Sugar Refining Company reduced its list price another half cent to the basis of 8 1/2 cents per pound.

Other refiners, who had maintained their list prices of 9 cents, reduced their quotations to 8 1/2 cents.

The reduction in the raw sugar market was attended by a drop of 1/4 cent a pound, to the basis of 4 1/4 for centrifugal, a new low record for the year.

Raw sugar now is more than 20 cents a pound less than the highest price reached in the last year, and is two or three above the pre-war level.

HERNDON, Va., December 13 (Special).—Jake Allen, colored, aged thirty-three, was instantly killed yesterday on the farm service committee near here. In some way, when putting a heavy log on the wood saw he fell and the saw cut him in two.

PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE FOR 20 EUROPEAN WAIFS

President Wilson today called upon his "fellow countrymen" to contribute funds to save three and one-half million children who "are facing starvation in central Europe."

The President announced that he would adopt twenty of these children as his temporary wards, and said that \$10 contributed through the European relief council would save the life of a child.

This appeal follows the request made last week by Arthur C. Moses, chairman of the local committee of this relief movement, who called at the White House executive offices to solicit the President's aid.

"Three and a half million children are facing starvation in central Europe," said the President's statement. "It is estimated that they can be fed for the winter of 1920-21 for \$100,000,000. The countries involved can furnish the food, but they lack the personnel and machinery for distribution, but for the other one-third they must look abroad, and they are looking to us."

"Since 1914 our people have given with unparalleled generosity, and they should not be lightly called upon for additional charities. But there is a life and death situation in central Europe, where orphans, destitute, banished children, pitiful consequences of the world war, must die unless aid is sent."

"Ten dollars contributed through the European relief council will save the life of one child. For concerted effort there have been combined in this council eight well known organizations, namely: The American Red Cross, the American Friends Service Committee, the American Jewish Relief Committee, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the American Council of Churches of Christ, the Knights of Columbus, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A."

"At Christmas time, peculiarly the time of year, we should think of these children rather than in money. Ten dollars will represent a child's life in central Europe. I shall adopt twenty of these children as my own temporary wards and I can think of no better gift to my fellow countrymen than that the circles around their Christmas trees will be incomplete unless mingled with their own ex-patriate children, they shall realize some of the waifs of central Europe, stretching out their hands to be plucked from the bosoms of the trees, not toys, but bread, without which they must perish."



SEEKS TO SPEED DISTRICT TAX BILL

Mapes Will Ask Conference
Tomorrow on Measure
Now Pending.

Chairman Mapes of the House District committee said today that he will endeavor to arrange a conference tomorrow between the Senate and House conferees on his bill proposing to change the fiscal relations between the federal government and the District of Columbia.

For many years efforts to abolish the half-and-half principle of financing the District have been made through amendments on appropriation bills. This has been fought as new legislation and on the subject of the District's financial relations with the federal government.

Mr. Mapes undertook to change the fiscal relations by legislation through the House District committee. This proposal was to expend on capital upbuilding, to keep all the money which Congress decides to spend on the District, and to keep all the money which Congress decides to spend on the District, and to keep all the money which Congress decides to spend on the District.

Scenic Restores 50-50.
This proposition was opposed on the ground that it destroyed the principle of definite proportionate contribution by nation and capital community for capital upbuilding and substituted a system that was uncertain, fluctuating and capricious.

The Senate committee, Mr. Mapes said, is now considering the bill, and he expects to report it soon.

Planning New Measure.
Chairman Davis and Chairman Good of the full appropriations committee have stated their intention of framing a new appropriation bill for the District for the fiscal year 1922 upon the same 60-40 fixed proportion. The District appropriation bill for the current fiscal year is a temporary arrangement.

Chairman Mapes is anxious to get a conference report on his legislative proposal, and he expects to report it soon.

Plan Changed at Thanksgiving.
The stand understood to have been taken by Mr. Payne follows on the day preceding Thanksgiving day. In an executive order from the White House a half-holiday for all employees of the government departments and of the District government was canceled the morning of November 24, after practically all the heads of departments had authorized such a half-holiday. Cancellation of the half-holiday was allowed on the ground that the government departments and of the District government were to do whatever shopping they have to do just prior to Christmas and New Year.

EX-EMPRESS IMPROVES.
Condition of Victoria, However, Still Is Critical.

By the Associated Press.
DOORN, Holland, December 12.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany, continues to improve in health, but her condition still is critical.

Former Princess Elise Friedrick and August William, respectively, second and fourth sons of the former empress, have returned to Germany.



BIG SUGAR SUIT TO TEST RIGHT TO CANCEL ORDERS

By the Associated Press.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 13.—The Franklin Sugar Refining Company last night announced it had entered suit for \$92,534 against Reeves, Parvin & Co., wholesale grocers, to cover losses incurred by the alleged cancellation of contracts for the delivery of 2,325 barrels of refined sugar.

Irreconcilables Disturbed by His Attitude—Mention of Hoover Annoys Them.
BY DAVID LAWRENCE.
Two things are disturbing the members of the so-called group of "irreconcilables" who oppose the entrance of the United States into an association or league of nations, whatever.

One is that President-elect Harding is veering toward the present league of nations and has about made up his mind that the machinery of the league must be used, even though amendments and reservations freeing America from obligations or entanglements shall be the basis of American co-operation with the other nations.

The other thing is that Mr. Harding is showing a marked friendliness to Herbert Hoover and has hinted that he may be cabinet minister—though forsooth he is careful not to say so.

When President-elect Harding was in Washington, it was learned today, he was having said he regarded such talk as a joke.

It will not be forgotten that Senator Hiram Johnson, leader of the league of nations, was in the California primaries and that the sores of that fight have not altogether healed. So when Mr. Harding comes along and says nice things about Mr. Hoover and hints that he may be cabinet minister—though forsooth he is careful not to say so.

HALF DAYS LIKELY FOR U. S. EMPLOYEES Extra Time Before Christmas and New Year Is Urged by Secretary Payne.

Probability of a half holiday for government employees on the days before Christmas and New Year, appeared favorable today.

It was learned that Secretary Payne of the Interior Department has officially taken up the cudgel in behalf of the employees of the government departments and of the District government will urge upon the cabinet, at its meeting tomorrow, the advisability of allowing government employees at noon on December 24 and December 25, to do whatever shopping they have to do just prior to Christmas and New Year.

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KEEP CHAIRMAN WHITE.
Democrats Act to Retain Party Machinery Intact.

Following conferences in the past few days of leading democrats in the Senate and House, who are also the leaders in the party organization, Chairman White of the democratic national committee, it has been definitely decided that Chairman White must retain the chairmanship and keep the national machinery intact.

The policy of the democrats in the incoming Congress will be, it is said, not to begin at the outset attacks on the republicans, but to wait their time, give the opposition a chance to show its hand and let the future developments of the general political policies of the party.

FIRE DESTROYS 300 BUILDINGS IN CORK; BRITISH WON GUARD

Looting General in City After
Conflagration—Orders to
Shoot Thieves.

THREE BLOCKS IN RUINS IN BUSINESS DISTRICT

City Hall Burned and Carnegie
Library Partially Destroyed.
Looters Ordered Shot.

By the Associated Press.
CORK, Ireland, December 13.—More than 300 buildings are said to have been destroyed in the great fire which yesterday laid waste a great part of this city. Most of the fires have been extinguished, but there are occasional sporadic outbursts of flames.

The police and military are having the greatest difficulty in keeping the thousands of spectators from the wrecked premises, the walls of which threaten to collapse.

St. Patrick street, one of the main thoroughfares of Cork, this morning presented the appearance of having been wrecked by an earthquake. Looting has been general. Outside the fire zone the police seized a gang of burglars who were killing a woman.

Loss About \$15,000,000.
The week end of terror and wild destruction through which Cork passed last night in its train a terrible welter of ruin. There have been no fresh outbreaks of shooting, and the fire zone is being cleared. The city is a mass of ruins. In St. Patrick street, where the main commercial artery of the city, blocks of business premises, the most imposing in Cork, have been wiped out.

The city engineer stated today that the destruction was on a scale too great for him to make an immediate estimate of the number of buildings destroyed, but in other quarters it was estimated that more than 300 buildings had been burned with the loss of more than 3,000,000 pounds sterling.

From St. Patrick street the flames swept rapidly to the more congested areas of the city. The main area of destruction was confined to this side of the river Lee, but on the other side the city hall and Carnegie library were burned, and from the position of these buildings with relation to the main area of destruction, it was estimated that from independent acts of incendiarism.

Strong Pressure Being Brought to Sway Harding Away From League Idea
BY ROBERT T. SMALL.
MARION, December 13.—Whatever may be the ultimate resolution of President-elect Harding respecting the league of nations, his early course to the subject all have had to do with persons who are friends of the future of the United States is tied up with the best that Europe has to offer. The league of nations is being brought to bear to sway the President-elect away from any anti-league position.

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